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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Confirmation No.: 9133

John S. HENDRICKS et al.

Art Unit: 2654

Application No.: 09/344,499

Examiner: KNEPPER, David D.

Filed: June 25, 1999

Attorney Dkt. No.: 026880-00014

For: ELECTRONIC BOOK WITH VOICE EMULATION FEATURES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 27, 2006

Sir:

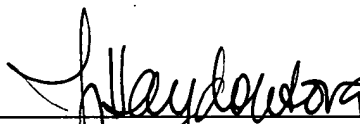
Responsive to the Office Action dated **February 27, 2006**, the Applicants hereby provisionally elect claims **43-54** of **Group V** directed to text-to-audio functions.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims. This election is made **with traverse**, as the Applicants respectfully submit that examination of all claims presents no undue burden on the Examiner. Consideration of all pending claims and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referring to client-matter number 026880-00014.

Respectfully submitted,

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